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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC SUMMIT: COMMENTS ON NOVEMBER 11-12

CARLETON GROUP MEETING.

1. MOST NOTEABLE FEATURE IN MEETING WAS OVERNIGHT REVERSAL OF BARRE'S POSITION AND ATTITUDE. LAST NIGHT HE WAS PROPOSING TO HAVE GISCARD HANDLE THE BRIEFING AND INTERPRETATION OF THE SUMMIT. TODAY HE STRONGLY SUPPORTED AMERICAN SUGGESTION IN FAVOR OF A DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT, SOUGHT AGREEMENT TO USE THE U.S. DRAFT AS THE BASIS FOR SUCH STATEMENT, AND WHEN PROPOSING ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE, WAS GENERALLY CONSTRUCTIVE. WITHOUT BARRE'S SUPPORT GROUP WOULD NEVER HAVE ADOPTED AGREED TEXT, NOR IN FACT WOULD IT HAVE EVEN FOCUSED ON COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME. BARRE SAID HE HAD SPENT A HOUR WITH GISCARD BEFORE COMING TO LONDON. WHETHER OR NOT BARRE RECEIVED NEW INSTRUCTIONS OVERNIGHT, SHULTZ FEELS THAT HIS PERFORMANCE REFLECTS GISCARD'S DETERMINATION TO MAKE SUMMIT A SUCCESS AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO MAKE CERTAIN CONCESSIONS TO ENSURE THAT IT IS.

2. POEHL WAS CONSISTENTLY UNHELPFUL, WHICH SHULTZ NOTES IS UNLIKE HIM. HE OPPOSED CONCEPT OF A JOINT STATEMENT.

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HE OPPOSED USING U.S. STATEMENT AS ITS BASIS. WHILE

SOME OF HIS INTERVENTIONS WERE CONSTRUCTIVE, OTHERS WERE CARPING AND DIVERSIONARY. SHULTZ NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT POEHL HAS BEEN OUT OF TOUCH WITH SCHMIDT FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS, AND SUGGESTS THAT SOMEONE TAKE SCHMIDT'S CURRENT TEMPERATURE ON THE SUMMIT IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO.

3. HUNT AND DEREK MITCHELL, WERE BOTH ADAMANT IN OPPOSITION TO ANY MENTION OF FOLLOWUP IN THE COMMUNIQUE REFLECTING PERHAPS HMG'S RELUCTANCE TO UNDERTAKE STILL FURTHER OBLIGATIONS WHICH MIGHT INHIBIT ANY UNILATERAL ACTIONS IT MAY AT SOME TIME FEEL COMPELLED TO TAKE. THEY BOTH STRONGLY OPPOSED NOT ONLY THE CONCEPT OF NEW MEETINGS AMONG THE SIX OR SEVEN IN ANY FORUM, BUT EVEN RESISTED LANGUAGE STATING SIMPLY THAT THE SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS WOULD COOPERATE OR CONSULT IN THE FUTURE. WHILE NO ONE ELSE FELT AS STRONGLY ON THE ISSUE AS THEY, NEITHER DID ANYONE EVINCE MUCH ENTHUSIASM FOR FOLLOW-ON MECHANISMS.

4. JAPANESE FEEL THEY ABSOLUTELY MUST HAVE A COMMUNIQUE OR JOINT STATEMENT RESULTING FROM THIS SUMMIT. THEY CLEARLY HAVE LITTLE CONFIDENCE IN THEIR PRIME MINISTER AND WISH TO PIN HIM DOWN WITH COMMUNIQUE NEGOTIATED BY LOWER OFFICIALS. THEY WILL STRONGLY SUPPORT US IN ANY EFFORTS TO GET A JOINT STATEMENT.

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MENT IS A PRETTY GOOD FIRST EFFORT, IN SOME RESPECTS
EVEN AN IMPROVEMENT OVER OUR OWN DRAFT. HE
RECOGNIZES THAT ENERGY SECTION IS GROSSLY INADEQUATE,
BUT NOTES THAT EFFORT TO IMPROVE IT WILL LARGELY
DEPEND ON OUR ABILITY TO CONVINCE SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS
THAT STRONG U.S. ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
MEASURES ARE IN TRAIN OR ON THE WAY. HE DOES NOT
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THAT ITS EVENTUAL WORDING WILL DEPEND ALMOST ENTIRELY
ON THE STATE OF YOE'S CURRENT DISCUSSIONS.

6. IT WAS GENERALLY FELT THAT THE OFFICIALS
DESIGNATED TO DRAFT STATEMENT AT SUMMIT SHOULD GET
TOGETHER SUNDAY NIGHT AT WHICH TIME SUMMIT DISCUSSION
SHOULD BE FAR ENOUGH ALONG TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUCH AN
EXERCISE IS DESIRABLE. SHULTZ FEELS THAT IT MAY BE
USEFUL,.HOWEVER, TO CONVENE THE DRAFTING GROUP EARLIER
DURING THE SUMMIT, AT LEAST IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY
PARTICIPANTS, AND GO OVER ARRANGEMENTS.

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